



State of Illinois
Pat Quinn, Governor

Illinois Department of Transportation
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159th Street

Fall 2009

NEWS

TRAFFIC ALERT

Beginning September 8th, 159th Street will be closed between Park Avenue and West/Center Avenue. The closure will conclude in May 2011. The detour routes begin at the intersections of Dixie Highway and Halsted Street (IL ROUTE 1).
Please note: This date is weather permitting and subject to change.

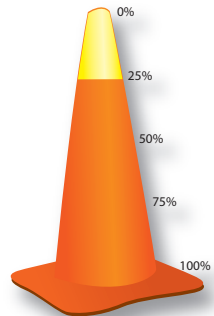
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

159th Street will be under construction from the Tri-state Tollway (I-294) to Halsted Street (IL Rt. 1) in Harvey, IL. A narrow viaduct currently carries Metra and Canadian National Railroad over 159th St. The Illinois Department of Transportation will reconstruct the viaduct creating two lanes in each direction under the railroad with left turn lanes. The project will provide significant congestion relief and reduce travel times on the famous bottleneck between I-294 and I-94. The 159th Street Roadway Reconstruction Project will cost approximately \$17.8 million dollars, which is 100% federally funded. The 159th Street Viaduct Reconstruction costs approximately \$38.4 million dollars.

** Please note all businesses in the work zone will be open during construction*

159TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

- Drainage Improvement
- Reconstruction of the street with new concrete pavement
- Widened viaduct with improved vertical clearance
- Two through lanes in each direction underneath Viaduct
- Two through lanes in each direction, new medians and dual left turn lanes between I-294 and Halsted (IL Rt. 1)
- Improved lighting
- Interconnected Traffic Signals



PROJECT PROGRESS

PROJECT TIMELINE*

| FALL 2008 | SPRING 2009 | FALL 2010 | SUMMER 2011 |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Viaduct work starts | Roadway work starts | Roadway Complete | Viaduct Complete |

**All dates are estimated and weather dependent.*

Currently, the project is on-schedule to complete in the summer of 2011!



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